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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NASA STATION CLOSURE

REF: A. STATE 176491

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF CABINET LAURENT RADAODY RAKOTONRAVAO TELEPHONED CHARGE JULY 29 TO ASK WHEN EMBASSY WANTED TO BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF MALAGASY EMPLOYEES AS GOMR HAD OFFERED IN LAST NOTE. CHARGE REPLIED THAT MALAGASY HAD ALREADY BEEN PAID CURRENT SALARY DUE THEM AND THAT TERMINAL BENEFITS WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM NASA. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT PLAN HAD BEEN TO RETAIN AS MANY MALAGASY EMPLOYEES AS POSSIBLE FOR CLOSING OPERATIONS, BUT SINCE THOSE REQUIREMENTS NOW UNCLEAR IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHICH EMPLOYEES WOULD BE NEEDED UNTIL EMBASSY HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOMR. CHARGE SAID HE WAS EXPECTING INSTRUCTIONS SHORTLY. CHARGE ALSO INDICATED THAT ABOVE HAD BEEN EXPLAINED TO MALAGASY EMPLOYEES OF STATION ON JULY 28 AT EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS CONVERSATION ALTHOUGH BRIEFLY REPORTED LASTED SOME TIME BECAUSE RADAODY WAS SLOW IN COMING TO THE POINT. HIS PURPOSE APPEARED TO BE TO FIND OUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IN GENERAL. CHARGE ATTENDED OFFICIAL OPENING OF JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER JULY 29 AND MOST DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES WERE AWARE OF EXTENSIVE DEPARTURE OF STATION  
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EMPLOYEES OVER WEEKEND. RADAODY IS CLOSE TO RATSIRAKA AND

CHARGE WILL ATTEMPT TO WORK WITH HIM IN ADDITION TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

3. CHARGE, FOR THE MOMENT, SEES NO PARTICULAR URGENCY IN DELIVERING NOTE. (REFTEL). THIS IS NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF PAUL RING (WHO HAS NOW SAID HE MAY LEAVE AUGUST 2) SINCE HE COULD BE DISMISSED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES AS BEING HERE PRIVATELY AND NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH NASA OR BENDIX, BUT BECAUSE THERE IS SOME CHANCE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO WILL RETURN FROM KAMPALA AUGUST 2, MAY BE MODERATING INFLUENCE ON RATSIRAKA. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE SOME ADVANTAGE IN GIVING GOMR TIME TO PONDER POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF DEPARTURE OF ALL EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE ON "INFLAMMATORY PRESS ITEM" MENTIONED BY DESK OFFICER DURING PHONE CALL ON JULY 24.  
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